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February 24, 2004

Jeff Snook US Department of Energy 1955 Fremont Avenue Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401

Subject:

Response to Letter Regarding Completion of Excavation Operations at the

Glovebox Excavator Method (GEM) Project.

Dear Mr. Snook:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has received your February 24, 2004 request for release of the remaining \$2 million dollars being held in reserve until completion of the of Excavation Operations at the GEM Project.

The Department hereby authorizes this request as you appear to have met the requirements of milestone 3.1.7 of the Agreement to Resolve Disputes.

Sincerely,

Daryl F. Koch

Acting Remediation Manager

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Waste Management & Remediation Division

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